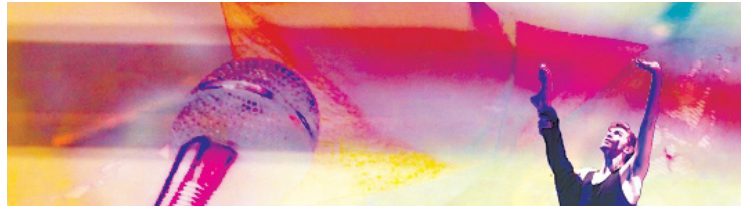


January 13, 2015



Max Hart



Media arts seniors in Florida for National YoungArts Week

Max Hart and Michael Hansen, seniors in media arts, traveled to Florida the week of Jan. 5 for National YoungArts Week as part of receiving top awards in the National YoungArts 2015 Competition. Max and Michael were two of only 10 photography finalists nationally. The National YoungArts Foundation (formerly known as the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts) was established in 1981 to identify and support the next generation of artists and to contribute to the cultural vitality of the nation by investing in the artistic development of talented young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.



Michael Hansen



Perpich media specialist invited to blog on education

Leah Larson, media specialist at Perpich and at Crosswinds, has been awarded a blogging fellowship with MinnCAN, the Minnesota Campaign for Achievement Now, an education reform advocacy nonprofit. She will be posting throughout the year on a monthly basis. She just heard that her first post, at www.minncan.org has been tweeted by Peter Cunningham, former assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Way to go Leah!

Dance program busy promoting to prospective students

A new promotional video and some traveling performances show how serious the current dance students are about encouraging prospective students to consider the Perpich program. On Monday, Jan. 12, the students traveled with instructor Mary Harding to the Performing Arts High School in Brooklyn Center to perform, join in dance classes there and talk about the Perpich program. Harding hopes to take the dance students to other high schools this winter to perform and recruit.



Perpich media and visual arts students featured in Honors Exhibition

Ten Perpich students will have works in the 12th Annual High School Honors Exhibition at Concordia University Jan. 15-28. The exhibition is an invitational event that showcases artwork from outstanding local high school programs. Visual arts students with work in the show are Thomas Cochran-Cole, Eva Janke Furman, Deseray Jones, Allison Michaelynn, Diana Ganado Ramos, Scarlett Searle and Catherine Trombley. Media arts students showing are Rosie Amato Bauer, Jae Shin Cross and Astraëa Smart. A reception to kick off the exhibition will be 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13, at Concordia Gallery and H. Williams Teaching Gallery, the corner of Marshall Avenue and Syndicate Street North, St. Paul.



Be Heard poetry slam competition launches this week

A youth poetry slam competition begins Friday, Jan. 16, 6-8 p.m., at Walker West Music Academy, 760 Selby Ave., St. Paul. It is a preliminary bout for a national festival. Competitors can be any Minnesota student between the ages of 13 and 19 and they may bring two poems, each three minutes long or less, to compete. Students may enter as many preliminary bouts as they want to try to qualify for the semi-finals. There is no pre-registration but competitors must arrive 30 minutes before each slam to register on-site. At the end of five preliminary bouts and two semi-final slams, there will be a final slam on March 28 at the Capri Theater in Minneapolis when six students will be chosen to represent Minnesota at the annual international Brave New Voices Youth Poetry Slam Festival. For a full schedule of preliminaries and semi-finals, see truartspeaks.com



Visual arts students volunteering at Maple Grove Arts Center

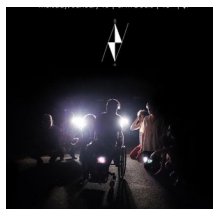
Austen Kielblock and Ashley Page, both juniors in visual arts, are volunteering at the Maple Grove Arts Center as part of the center's Grove Student Artists initiative. They hosted an evening of open studio for students at the center in December. Students interested in joining the group can go to www.maplegroveartscenter.org to find out more and to www.facebook.com to sign up. Visual arts instructor Sandy Woodhull serves on the center's board.

Mathematics students get financial low-down from guest speaker

Math instructor Glazell Toledo invited a financial planner, Corey Smith of Princor Financial, to speak to her statistics and probability class just before winter break. The students received a general overview of savings options and planning for financial independence. The class studied a unit on consumer math that included sales, discounts, loans, income tax, annuities, stocks, bonds, mortgages and credit cards.

Visual arts exhibition opens Jan. 22

Visual arts students mount their curriculum show and celebrate with a gallery opening 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22.



Alumni and current music students get a gig at Triple Rock

This Friday will be an unofficial Perpich Night at Triple Rock Social Club. Perpich alumna Elena Hansen's band, [Trending North](#), is headlining and the show opens with Pseudoubt, featuring Perpich seniors Max Finch-Raymond, Ian Underhill-Cady, Toivo Hannigan and alumna Mackenzie Monk. Doors open at 8 p.m., tickets at \$7 and the show is for those 18 and older.

Party like it's 1991!

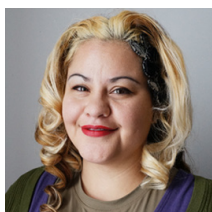
Perpich's winter dance will be 7:30-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23, at the school. Fashion from the 1990s is encouraged but not required. Tickets are \$5.

New employees join Perpich

Katie Woods has been hired as school nurse. Elena Mena is the new residence coordinator for the dormitory and is living in the apartment on the premises. Also joining the dorm staff are Helen Garcia, Alicia Mena, Jennifer Worshek and Jenoveba Cabral. Melissa Strait has been named the office and administrative specialist for Turnaround Arts: Minnesota.



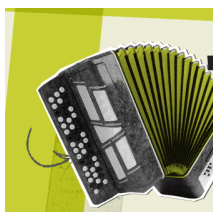
Katie Woods



Elena Mena



Melissa Strait



Theater program gives performances this month

"Who ARE You?" is a collection of student-written sketches inspired by discussions about how people who are different from one another interact. As part of the same evening, the students will perform "The Accordion Shop," by Cush Jumbo, a short play commissioned for this year's Royal National Theatre Youth Connections program. In it, Mr. Ellody has quietly kept his accordion shop going for years on the local high street in a mid-sized British city. One day, he steps out of his door and witnesses hundreds of young people surging onto the street. They've all received the same text message on their phones: "RIOT. THE ROAD. 7pm TONIGHT." The plays are appropriate for young adult and adult audiences and will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, Jan. 28-30, in the Black Box Theater. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students.

Calendar

Dates

Jan 19–20	No Classes
Jan 22	Visual Art Exhibition
Jan 28–30	Contemporary Theater Performance
Feb 11–12	Music Concert
Feb 16–17	No Classes
Feb 23	Artscience Exhibition
Feb 24	Literary Arts Reading
Feb 26	Media Arts Photo Exhibition

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